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### L U N C H E O N

THURSDAY, December 4 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street  
Cocktails at 12 Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM sharp  
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### EXCLUSIVE REPORT FROM ABROAD

By

GENERAL HOYT S. VANDENBURG

Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

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Fresh from a global tour of United States Air Force bases and installations in Europe and the Far East, General Vandenburg next Thursday will report exclusively to Overseas Press Club members and their guests on his observations abroad.

General Vandenburg's tour made news and headlines from more than a dozen prominent overseas datelines. He returned to Washington this week and his OPC talk next Thursday will be his first to such an organization since his arrival.

THIS MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST OFFICIAL REPORT MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL FUND CAMPAIGN SINCE THE NOVEMBER 20TH LAUNCHING. VICE CHAIRMEN LOWELL THOMAS, H.V. KALTENBORN, HAL BOYLE, WHITEIAW REID, WILLIAM BROOKS, HENRY GELLERMANN, JOHN DALY, GARDNER COWLES AND JOE ROSAPEPE ARE AMONG THOSE EXPECTED TO REPORT BRIEFLY ON MONIES RAISED TO DATE BY THEIR COMMITTEES. PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATION IN EARLY!

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\*\*\*\*ADVANCE TIP ON COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*

Thursday, December 11 -- A special screening of a prize-winning Italian film will comprise the OPC program event the following week. The movie, "Two Cents Worth of Hope", directed by Renato Castellani, won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival. Called "the most popular neo-realist film made in Italy" by Life magazine, the picture is a comedy drama of contemporary Italian life. Place: Fourth floor preview theatre, 1600 Broadway. Time: 8:30 PM. SEATING LIMITED TO 75 PERSONS. Postcard tickets will be mailed to first applicants. If no tickets are received, that will indicate a full list, and you are asked to please notify the Club if you cancel.



BIG SENDOFF GIVEN THE OPC MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE FUND AT A BRILLIANT RECEPTION AT TIME-LIFE NOV. 20 DURING WHICH \$60,000 WAS RAISED IN MONEY AND PLEDGES. ED MURROW AND PAT LOCHRIDGE REMINDED THAT THE DRIVE STILL NEEDS \$240,000.

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MAKE PLEDGES NOW. DONATIONS IN CASH AND PLEDGES PAYABLE FEB. 1, 1953 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CORRESPONDENT'S FUND (SPECIAL BUILDING PROJECT). DONATIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE ON FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS. ANY SIZE PLEDGE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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A telegram from President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, asking OPC members "to add my heart-felt tribute to the memory of the heroes of the American press they are honoring" featured the OPC's Nov. 20 reception at which the \$300,000 drive for a memorial press center in New York was launched.

Speakers included Mrs. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, treasurer of the campaign, EDWARD R. MURROW, Past President LOWELL THOMAS and President WILLIAM GRAY who told of plans to buy and renovate the five-story building which will be a journalistic headquarters for local and foreign press members and will include committee rooms, library, dining room, lecture bureau, newsroom, recording service and mail and message centers.

ED MURROW, who remarked that his biggest contribution to date had been to persuade Mrs. LUCE to serve as treasurer, urged support from both the membership and the public. He told Club Members it was of the "utmost importance to be able to demonstrate to corporations from whom we ask help that our members are also giving." Mrs. LUCE read off a list of gifts and pledges received up to the time the party was to start and added as an afterthought, "I put in a thousand, too." Later gifts and pledges collected at the cocktail party were read off.

Past President JOHN DALY emphasized that this is no "pie in the sky" plan but has been under consideration and study for several years under the administrations of Past President LOUIS LOCHNER, DALY and now GRAY. He predicted "It's going to take work and everybody's got to work together for it."

More than 250 notables representing financial, industrial and professional fields were present at the reception. Next week's Bulletin will give a full list of contributors to date. Among early donors were: Time, Inc. \$10,000; Warner Brothers, M-G-M, and 20th Century \$5,000 each. Individual contributions of \$1,500 were received from ED MURROW and JOHN DALY and for \$1,000 from KATHRYN CRAVENS, BOB CONSIDINE, LOWELL THOMAS, Henry Luce and others. Walter Winchell, DICK DE ROCHEMONT, VICTOR KNAUTH and ED BERNAYS each contributed \$500. Club members in the "\$100 Club" include President BILL GRAY, Treasurer JOE WURZEL, PAT LOCHRIDGE, B. MATHIEU, GIDEON SEYMOUR, SANFORD GRIFFITH, LEONARD SMITH, MADELINE ROSS, MATT HUTTNER, LARRY HOOVER and REAVIS O'NEAL. Leader of the "\$50 Club" is Past President LOUIS LOCHNER, and some of its members are GERRY SARTAIN, BILL ORMEROD, LEO MARGOLIN, J.C. DINE, the JOHN BARKHAMS. A host of other \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100 and other contributions were most welcome, too. But big or small, above all, Co-Chairmen MURROW AND LOCHRIDGE urge you to get your contributions in now -- before the big December 4th report luncheon.

THE CLUB IS INDEBTED TO LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP. WHO SPONSORED REFRESHMENTS AND ESPECIALLY TO EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE JOHN GUENTHER; ALSO TIME, INC. FOR FURNISHING THE HEADQUARTERS.

## EUROPE-BOUND?

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## CLUB CALENDAR

Committee on Freedom of News and Info. ....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, Dec.3, 5:45 p.m.

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**NEW MEMBER:** JOHN BARKHAM, chairman of the Admissions Committee announces that CHARLES BONNER, President of Bonner and Newman, Inc. has been admitted to the Club as an Associate member.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

**Active:** Will H. Yolen; Hill & Knowlton. London, 1944-45; Managing editor for American Broadcasting Co. in Europe for the Office of War Information. Proposed by LUTHER CONANT, JR.: seconded by SUTHERLAND DENLINGER.

**Associate:** Alex L. Hillman; Hillman Periodicals, Inc. Correspondent China Press in Shanghai, 1923-25. Since 1946 about six months abroad each year for Pageant. Proposed by EUGENE LYONS: seconded by SEYMOUR BERKSON.

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Will any OPCers knowing whereabouts of Marion Jones, wife of the late Keith Jones, please write to HENRY TOSTI RUSSELL, Quinta da Saudade, Livramento, Sao Joao d' Estoril, Portugal.

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The Bulletin poll, on the question of a switchover from the present weekly format to a monthly gives the monthly an edge now, but replies are still coming in especially from those overseas who generally favor retention of the weekly, according to Bulletin Chairman, RUSS ANDERSON.

The score to date: Favor monthly- 112; Favor weekly- 87.

Those favoring retention of the weekly have generally been offering comments and opinions while those voting for the monthly tend not to.

Some comments: "For a lot of us who are overseas, the gossip we find in the weekly mimeographed version is a wonderful way of keeping in touch with who's doing what and who's going where. I am a lot more interested in that, myself, than in ponderous articles on the mission of journalism, etc."

"For those of us who are working overseas, this weekly newsletter forms one of the most precious links to our colleagues at home\*\*\* Its abolition would be an economy at the wrong place that would backfire sooner or later."

"The greatest tangible benefit derived from membership is the Bulletin. It is useful to be able to keep up with doings of colleagues and on some occasions I've been able to locate people I wanted to see or write to, thanks to the Bulletin alone.

"The present form is lively, up-to-date, informal and frequent. There are plenty of stuffy mags already."

ANDERSON asks forbearance of members who have not been receiving their Bulletins as regularly as usual, as well as those who have not been getting consistent airmail service where it was requested. The mailing house which handles the entire job has been in difficulties, including breakdown of equipment at deadlines. Every effort is being made to keep everything rolling and as far as is known, at this writing, everything is back in top shape again.

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BUY "OFF THE RECORD" FOR CHRISTMAS. Coupon below is furnished to make ordering easy. List price includes foreign and domestic postage but not airmail or special. Proceeds of sale go for the benefit of the Correspondents and the Memorial Funds of the Overseas Press Club.

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IKE BARS PRESS FLIGHT -- OPCers and others who had planned to fly to Korea with President-elect Eisenhower had their plans cancelled abruptly when James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower press officer, announced that only three seats would be available on the plane for press and camera coverage. Protests were immediately filed but Hagerty let them roll off on the grounds that the protesting organizations already have adequate facilities in the Far East for covering news events there.

Some correspondents talked of paying their own way to Korea (about \$1000 each way plus high living costs in Tokyo) but generally they gave up the idea when it was pointed out that battlefront coverage is largely pooled and all they could do would be to sit and wait for a first-hand report.

Hagerty received complaints from the AP, UP and INS as well as from NBC, CBS and MBS. Frank Stanton, of CBS, expressed the general press feeling when he wired the President-elect: "We anxiously await your reconsideration. The existing proposal to cover your important mission with but one photographer, one newsreel camera and one press association correspondent sets a dangerous precedent and should not prevail."

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In the same vein, Editor and Publisher carries an editorial, Nov. 22 quoting correspondents as none too optimistic about future White House press relations and concluding: "We think he (Ike) should have a little briefing himself right now about the relation of the press to the President of the U.S., and vice versa, before he lays down any rules. There are many editors and publishers who knew him well during World War II and have been fairly close to him since then. At least one of them should attempt to persuade him on the value and the necessity of maintaining close contacts with the people through regularly scheduled press conferences."

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ROOM AVAILABLE: Single furnished room, Brooklyn, near College, 30 min. from Times Square, available for OPC member at \$12 per week. Use of frigidaire but no cooking. Service and linens included. Phone: GEDney 4-8792 after 7:30 p.m. Ideal for writer.

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American news correspondents stationed in Korea and Tokyo will be principal speakers on "America's Town Meeting of the Air" Dec. 16. The subject: "What are the Answers from Korea."

As yet Town Hall isn't certain which correspondents will be participating in the program but in announcing plans for the special broadcast, William R. Traub, Town Hall director of radio and TV said: "We know of no other group of people more highly qualified to discuss the problems of Korea than the seasoned war correspondents who, for many months, have been at the very scene of action. We believe their opinions should be heard by our listeners and that they can shed some light on the issues of paramount interest here at home."

Arrangements are being made for a cross-section of 20 or so listeners submitting the most pertinent and timely questions to record them at ABC station outlets throughout the country. These will be assembled in New York and relayed to Tokyo for the correspondents' appraisal. Moderating proceedings from the US will be the ABC Washington news analyst, Gunnar Back.

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Howard Handleman, who recently returned to the US after seven years in Japan as Far Eastern director of INS told E & P that spiraling costs are imposing an "almost intolerable burden" on correspondents in Tokyo today. Particularly hard-hit, he says, are correspondents with dependents in Japan who cannot live at the Press Club. Citing the rise in household costs, Handleman said coal just to supply hot water during summer months costs \$50 a month. Handleman was first president of the Tokyo press club, founded in 1945, which still furnishes overcrowded quarters for \$1 a night and meals at reasonable cost. Overall censoring procedure, Handleman described as "a great improvement over anything we had in World War II."

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Members of the National Newspaper Promotion Association were urged in Boston last week by IRVIN S. TAUBKIN, New York Times, their president, to personalize members of the staff. Times circulation, he said, had picked up after the paper began promoting its editorial department. Loss of reading time is a greater danger to newspapers today than losing readers, TAUBKIN warned.

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OPCER LEE HILLIS, executive editor of the Detroit Free Press and Miami Herald was elected President of Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity, at its Denver convention last week. The fraternity authorized a "thorough, objective" analysis of news coverage of the 1952 political campaign.



OVERSEAS : BERLIN (Special to the Bulletin) The elections, being top news in the States,  
TICKER : were front-page news over here, too. Some of the West Berlin papers even put  
: out specials. The general opinion was that of great surprise at the landslide  
: for Eisenhower and the fact that the US pollsters were so badly informed.

Bob McCormick, NBC in Frankfurt, was up here in Berlin last week to help me on a Dave Garroway show which we broadcast and filmed in a US Army barracks, no more than a mile from the Russian zone. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haakinson, member of the AP's Washington staff were here visiting Tom Reedy, AP Bureau chief here.

I regret to report the death of the father of Joe Fleming, UP Bureau chief here, who made a quick two-week flying trip to the United States, to be at the funeral.

An addition to the Berlin correspondents group has been Denis Fodor, representing Time Magazine. He is the son of Michael Fodor, well-known correspondent who used to cover Eastern Europe and the Balkans, and who is now editor in chief of the Berlin edition of the HICOG-sponsored, Neue Zeitung. We are expecting Joe Newman of the N.Y. Herald Tribune to be here in the next few days. (by GERHARD STINDT)

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EDWARD MURROW has written a foreword for "This I Believe", a Simon & Schuster book containing selections of 100 of the best scripts from the CBS radio program by the same name.... VICTOR LASKY'S piece on the new Soviet Ambassador will appear in a forthcoming issue of the American Weekly....While participating in a nationwide Town Meeting of the Air broadcast from Springfield, Mass. recently VICTOR was presented with a certificate of good citizenship by the local American Legion post....IRVING R. LEVINE, NBC correspondent for Korea and Japan, currently on a Council of Foreign Relations fellowship, appeared on the Dave Garroway morning TV show Nov. 12 where he was interviewed about the progress of the South Korean army....IRVING also addressed the student body of Brown University on the alternatives in the Korean situation on Nov. 13.... Christian Science Monitor's RONALD STEAD off to London Nov. 22 en route to tour of Southeast Asia....KATHRYN CRAVENS' poetic picture of "Heartbreak Ridge" won her laurel as "Poet of the Week" in the Nick Kenny column in N.Y. Mirror.

MANFRED GEORGE had interview with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer published last week in N.Y. Herald Tribune....DAVE DARRAH writes card from Fez, Morocco saying: "Two weeks trip down here. The French have really done a magnificent job and if they left it would be bad for everybody." Time-Life editor-in-chief Henry R. Luce took off last week for San Francisco on first lap of a 25,000 mile trip to the Far East to acquaint himself with new developments in that part of the world; meeting with Time, Inc. representatives all along the way, he will visit Honolulu, Tokyo, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Jakarta and Saigon....Luce is scheduled to return to New York by Christmas.

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The new front page of the Manchester Guardian, carrying news instead of advertisements, has not made the desired impression everywhere. A would-be-purchaser (in Holland) was told: "We are not receiving him all the days as he is not like himself and they say it is not it."

## The distance to death

Travel statistics of the past five years indicate that you can go six times as far by rail as you can by air before being mathematically certain of meeting death.

Rail transportation is eight times safer than auto and taxi in terms of death, and seventeen times safer in terms of injury. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, for example, has not suffered a passenger fatality in the last thirty-seven years.

When it comes to the distance to death we find that it is twenty-five hundred times around the earth by air and fifteen thousand times around the earth by rail. (And there are some commercial travelers who feel that they must be approaching these figures!)

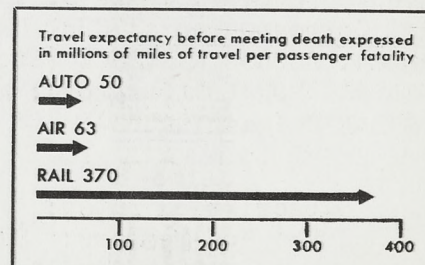
The airplane pilot doing only nine hundred and forty hours per year for only twenty years at two hundred and fifty miles per hour can expect to spend only thirteen working lifetimes before meeting death. There is the consolation of knowing, however, that there is very little prospect of his being merely injured.

The railway conductor, looking forward to a fifty-year working life one hundred and fifty miles per day, three hundred days per year, can reasonably expect to go one hundred

and sixty-five lifetimes without death, but only five lifetimes without injury.

We office workers and non-commercial travelers may have a less glamorous existence than the airplane pilot, but before we cloister ourselves to escape the mathematical certainty of death by travel if continued long enough, we might remember that more accidents occur at home than any place else on earth. At home the distance to death may be only to a slippery bathtub.

This is a column written for Railway Progress Magazine by Robert R. Young, Chairman of the Federation for Railway Progress, and is reproduced here as a public service.



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OPC- NEW SCHOOL DISCUSS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

America's propaganda effort has been fairly successful in Europe but lamentably weak in the Far East. This was the consensus of a group of experts brought together by the OPC and the New School for Social

Research for a discussion of "Psychological Warfare: East-West Propaganda Battle" on Nov. 21 in the School auditorium. The discussion was the second in a series of "World Reports" which SANDY GRIFFITHS, chairman of the OPC's special projects Committee has helped arrange.

The dominating theme of the discussion centered around the enormous power which Soviet Russia seems to have built up in the battle of the air waves over Europe. Russian propaganda was described as incessant and directed chiefly against the United States.

Participating in the discussion were Arvid Brodersen, professor of sociology at the New School; Lewis Gallantiere, policy adviser to Radio Free Europe, Leo Lowenthal, of the Voice of America; Joost A. M. Meerloo, psychiatrist, lecturer at the New School who was in charge of psychological warfare for the Netherlands Army in World War II; John Oakes, N.Y. Times; Leo Rosten, Look Magazine, with Saul Padover, dean of the New School's political department presiding.

NEXT WORLD REPORT: Jan. 23 "North Africa and the Emergency of the Moslem World."

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Book reviews of "Off the Record" continue to come into the Club office. The News and Courier of Charleston, S.C. says: "The material is fascinating; the writing swift and easily informal. It is a book which will delight anyone who has had even a transitory experience with the working press and which will enrich the knowledge of laymen of the personalities, idiosyncrasies and competence of those who rule us."

Prof. Roscoe Ellard, of the Columbia School of Journalism, reviewed the book in Editor & Publisher Nov. 15. David Dempsey, writing in the N.Y. Times Book Review, Nov. 23 says "the book is strongest where it deals with the really significant news beats, such as JACK GLENN's coverage of Lindbergh's return home. And beginners will find the sections on how to start an Egyptian riot or pad an expense account practical, if not exactly sober, lessons in the ecology of news gathering."

: OVERSEAS : TOKYO (Special to the Bulletin) Highlight of the social season was reached on  
: TICKER : Nov. 15 when the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan held its seventh anniversary party. The Shimbun Alley gang converged at the Club for a night of fun, dancing, dining, drinking and to forget for a short time about the Korean conflict. About 20 correspondents flew in from Korea to attend. Some of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Mac Johnson, N.Y. Herald Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. ERNIE HILL, Chic. Daily News; RUTH and George BARRETT, N.Y. Times; AP Bob Eunson and wife; World News and Report Joe Fromm; Time-Life DWIGHT MARTIN; CBS "Pepper" Martin & wife; Colliers' Peter Kalischer and wife; N.Y. Times Lindsay Parrott and wife; INS Marvin Stone & wife; Sat. Eve. Post Bob Sherrod and many others.

Life's MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE created a stir by wearing a complete kimono outfit. She took off next day to return to the states, lined up for a lecture tour on Japan.

Another departure after the party was N.Y. Times Murray Schumach going home via Europe. Keyes and Linda Beech sent congratulatory cable for anniversary and say they're still "waiting, waiting, waiting" (baby due any day now). Henry Luce arrived for short tour.

Everyone keyed up about the upcoming visit of President-elect Eisenhower. Great speculation as to what sort of censorship will be imposed; whether or not he will stop in Japan; how everyone can be accommodated and what facilities will be provided by the military for expected heavy copy. Everyone except those who will have to keep wheels rolling in Tokyo, have orders to be ready to go to Korea on moment's notice- and we all hope we get more notice than that. (by MAX DESFOR)

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